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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7456

BILL NUMBER: HB 1666

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 15, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Permanent Absentee Ballot Application Status.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. GiaQuinta

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that elderly voters and voters with disabilities may apply for permanent absentee ballot application status.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary-* County clerks and county election boards may require additional staff time to process absentee ballot applications. Local boards would have to determine whether an applicant qualifies for permanent absentee status. Clerks would have to tabulate permanent absentee voters and remove from permanent status voters that did not vote in a statewide general election. County election boards may need more absentee ballots to be printed for elections and mailed if there is a significant increase in absentee voters as a result of the bill.

The first election to be affected by the bill would be the 2008 primary election.

Background- During the 2004 general election 260,550 voters voted via absentee or about 10.4% of total voters voting. The 2006 primary election saw 61,345 voters voting absentee or about 7.2% of total voters voting.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County Clerks, County election boards.

Information Sources: Indiana Election Division.

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